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Purpose Statement

Parkway United Church of Christ strives to be an inclusive community embracing: spiritual nourishment, open—minded inquiry, courageous action, and interfaith partnerships to fulfill God’s calling to create a just world for all.

Congregational Statement

Parkway United Church of Christ, with God’s grace, seeks to be a congregation that includes all persons, regardless of race, ethnic, or socio—economic background while respecting differences of gender, marital status, age, sexual orientation, and mental and physical ability. We aspire to act justly, to love mercy, and to walk humbly with our God. We invite all to share in the life and leadership, ministry, fellowship, worship, sacraments, responsibilities and blessings of participation in our open and affirming congregation.

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Welcome to Parkway

Thank you for joining us this morning. If you are with us virtually, please let us know you are here by commenting in the chat.

Welcome Children. We invite children to full participation in worship.

Today's flowers donated by Naomi and Joe Runtz in recognition of Joe's 95th birthday.

Today's Scripture reader: Evelyn Buretta

Bell Rung During Lord's Prayer. A tradition begun when farmers working in surrounding fields would stop their work and join in prayer.

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Anniversaries

4/21 DOMBEK, Charles & Claire (43)

4/25 WAITE, Phil & Laura (13)

4/30 SCHRENKER, Rick & Cheryl (39)

Birthdays

4/24 RUNTZ, Joe

4/28 DOWNING, Harper

4/26 ENGEL, Gayle

4/29 DOWNING, Meredith

4/26 SCHERRER, Richard

4/29 REED, Atticus

4/28 DELANNAY, Sylvie

4/29 WATSON, Julia

2nd Sunday of Easter

Sunday, April 24, 2022 | 10:00am | Sanctuary & Facebook Live

*Please stand if it is comfortable to do so.

Meditation The church is called to participate in God's transformation of creation. Congregations and individuals have found ways they can address the challenges of climate change including: turning off lights and appliances to reduce their use of electricity and energy, choosing public transportation instead of single occupancy vehicles, and sharing their concerns about the environment with their neighbors, leaders of industries and their legislators. But first of all, Christians are praying for wisdom and strength to help restore and protect the wonderful gift of creation. ~National Council of Churches

Welcome Let us know you are here in the black pew pads or with a social media greeting or an email. We're grateful you're here with us.

Passing the Peace of Christ

"May the peace of Christ be with you."

(We are intentional about bringing more peace into the world.)

Prelude

Lighting of the Candles & Ringing of the Bell

Welcome Song *Christ is Alive!* #108, v2 and 5



1. Christ is a - live! Let Chris - tians sing. The cross stands
2. Christ is a - live! No long - er bound To dis - tant
3. Not throned a - far, re - mote - ly high, Un - touched, un -
4. In ev - ery in - sult, rift, and war, Where col - or,



emp - ty to the sky. Let streets and homes with
years in Pal - es - tine, But sav - ing, heal - ing,
moved by hu - man pains, But dai - ly, in the
scorn, or wealth di - vide, Christ suf - fers still, yet



prais - es ring. Love, drowned in death, shall nev - er die.
here and now, And touch - ing ev - ery place and time.
midst of life, Our Sav - ior in the God - head reigns.
loves the more, And lives, where ev - en hope has died.

5. Christ is alive, and comes to bring Till earth and sky and ocean ring
Good news to this and every age, With joy, with justice, love, and praise.

Scripture Psalm 150 (NRSV)

Praise the Lord! Praise God in this sanctuary; praise God in the mighty firmament! Praise God for mighty deeds; praise God according to God's surpassing greatness! Praise God with trumpet sound; praise God with lute and harp! Praise God with tambourine and dance; praise God with strings and pipe! Praise God with clanging cymbals; praise God with loud clashing cymbals! Let everything that breathes praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!

*Call to Worship Jim Burklo

One: Let us worship and adore God:

Many: **source, essence, and aim of all things, spirit that enlivens all beings.**

One: Let us follow the way of Jesus, who found God in himself and shared a way for others to find God in themselves:

Many: **He was born through love, lived for love, shared love, died for love... and love never dies.**

One: Let us submit to the leadings of the love that is God:

Many: **to be compassionate to all beings, to live and serve in community with others, to ask for and offer forgiveness, that we may praise and enjoy God forever.**

All: **Let us worship our God together—Creator, Christ and Spirit.**

*Song O Day of Radiant Gladness #470

1. O day of ra - diant glad - ness, O day of joy and light,
2. This day at the cre - a - tion The light first had its birth;
3. This day God's peo - ple, meet - ing, The Ho - ly Scrip-ture hear;
4. That light our hope sus - tain - ing, We walk the pil - grim way.

O balm of care and sad - ness, Most beau - ti - ful, most bright;
This day for our sal - va - tion Christ rose from depths of earth;
Christ's liv - ing pres-ence greet - ing, Through bread and wine made near.
At length our rest at - tain - ing, Our end - less Sab - bath day.

This day the high and low - ly, Through a - ges joined in tune,
This day our Lord vic - to - rious The Spir - it sent from heaven,
We jour-ney on, be - liev - ing, Re - newed with heav-en-ly might,
We sing to You our prais - es, O Fa - ther, Spir - it, Son;

Sing "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly" To the great God tri - une.
And thus this day most glo - rious A tri - ple light was given.
From grace more grace re - ceiv - ing On this blest day of light.
The church its voice up - rais - es To You, blest Three in One.

***Opening Prayer**

Holy One, we are still digesting this great news that death is not the final answer. Jesus is alive. Now, more than ever, we want and need to model our lives after his. Please guide, correct and inspire us in this time of worship - that we might welcome your Spirit to help us in this challenge and responsibility. Amen.

***Response**

**Spirit of the living God fall afresh on me;
Spirit of the living God fall afresh on me.
Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me!
Spirit of the living God fall afresh on me.**

Children's Time Children are invited to Room 12 (Lower Level) and Youth to Room 15 (Lower Level) following this Children's Time.

Blessing the Children *Jesus Loves Me*

**Jesus loves me, this I know, for the Bible tells me so;
Little ones to God belong, they are weak but he is strong**

**Yes, Jesus loves me. Yes Jesus loves me!
Yes, Jesus loves me, the Bible tells me so.**

**Jesus loves me still today, walking with me on my way,
Wanting as a friend to give, life and love to all who live**

Yes, Jesus loves me...

Scripture John 20:19-31 (CEB – Common English Bible)

It was still the first day of the week. That evening, while the disciples were behind closed doors because they were afraid of the Jewish authorities, Jesus came and stood among them. He said, "Peace be with you." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. When the disciples saw the Lord, they were filled with joy. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the God has sent me, so I am sending you." Then he breathed on them and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive anyone's sins, they are forgiven; if you don't forgive them, they aren't forgiven."

Thomas, the one called Didymus, one of the Twelve, wasn't with the disciples when Jesus came. The other disciples told him, "We've seen the Lord!"

But he replied, "Unless I see the nail marks in his hands, put my finger in the wounds left by the nails, and put my hand into his side, I won't believe."

After eight days his disciples were again in a house and Thomas was with them. Even though the doors were locked, Jesus entered and stood among them. He said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here. Look at my hands. Put your hand into my side. No more disbelief. Believe!"

Thomas responded to Jesus, "My Lord and my God!"

Jesus replied, "Do you believe because you see me? Happy are those who don't see and yet believe."

Then Jesus did many other miraculous signs in his disciples’ presence, signs that aren’t recorded in this scroll. But these things are written so that you will believe that Jesus is the Christ, God’s Son, and that believing, you will have life in his name.

Moment of Silent Reflection

Sermon

A Time of Prayer *Cares Chorus #2215*

I cast all my cares up-on you, _____ I
lay all of my bur - dens down at your feet, and
an - y-time that I don't know what to do, I will
cast all my cares up - on you. _____

The musical notation is in 3/4 time, featuring a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below the notes. There are four lines of music, each corresponding to a line of lyrics. The first line ends with a long horizontal line for a vocal extension. The second line has a triplet of eighth notes marked with a '3'. The third line ends with a long horizontal line for a vocal extension. The fourth line ends with a long horizontal line for a vocal extension.

Pastoral Prayer & Prayers of the People

Lord’s Prayer

Our [Creator/Mother/Father/Holy One] **who art in Heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on Earth as it is in Heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the Kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.**

[A variety of names for God are welcome here – including in the Lord’s Prayer.]

Song *All Things Bright and Beautiful #267*

All things bright and beau - ti - ful, All crea-tures great and small,
All things wise and won - der - ful: The Lord God made them all.

The musical notation is in 4/4 time, featuring a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below the notes. There are two lines of music, each corresponding to a line of lyrics. The first line ends with a long horizontal line for a vocal extension. The second line ends with a long horizontal line for a vocal extension. The word 'Refrain' is written above the first line, and 'Fine' is written above the second line.



1. Each lit - tle flower that o - pens, Each lit - tle bird that sings:
2. The pur - ple-head - ed moun-tain, The riv - er run - ning by,
3. The cold wind in the win - ter, The pleas-ant sum-mer sun,
4. God gave us eyes to see them, And lips that we might tell



God made their glow-ing col - ors, God made their ti - ny wings.
The sun - set, and the morn - ing That bright-ens up the sky,
The ripe fruits in the gar - den: God made them ev - ery one.*
How great is God Al - might - y, Who has made all things well.*

Litany for Creation - *Earth Day*

One: Praise to you, O God, source of all waters. For vast oceans, flowing rivers, and gentle rains we give you thanks.

Many: **Forgive our careless waste and polluting ways.**

One: Help us to cleanse, conserve, and share; teach us to care for the gift of water.

Many: **Come and heal your people. Come and heal the waters.**

One: Praise to you, O God, creator of the dry land. For mighty mountains, rolling hills, and fertile prairies we give you thanks.

Many: **Forgive our wanton greed and violent ways.**

One: Help us to sow, till, and harvest with care; teach us to live gently on the land.

Many: **Come and heal your people. Come and heal the land.**

One: Praise to you, O God, breath of life and maker of air. For wind and wave, breath and breeze, light and life we give you thanks.

Many: **Forgive our heedless acts and selfish ways.**

One: Help us to live justly, simply, and wisely; teach us to care for the gift of air.

Many: **Come and heal your people. Come and heal the air.**

One: Praise to you, O God, Lord and Giver of Life. Your love sustains planet earth and by your hand all things living are fed.

Many: **Forgive our neglect and abuse of your gifts.**

One: Help us to serve, defend, defend and restore your creation.

Many: **Help us care for your people. Help us care for the earth.**

Offering Our Gifts to God

Offering Interlude

*Response *Make Me A Servant* #2176

Make me a ser-vant, hum-ble and meek, Lord, let me
lift up those who are weak. And may the prayer of my
heart al-ways be: Make me a ser-vant, make me a
ser-vant, make me a ser-vant to - day. _____

*Prayer of Dedication

God of new life, out of the abundance of our lives we offer these gifts to you. Through your blessing and our willingness to share, may our offerings become a source for hope and love in this community and far beyond us. Amen.

*Song of Parting *Word of God in Human Language* #2246

1. Word of God in hu - man lan - guage for this time and in our tongue,
2. Ev - ery - where the world is hun - gry for the lib - er - a - ting Word,
3. So God's voice con-tin - ues speak-ing in the words we can't de - ny,

tell a - new the age - less sto - ry, ev - er an-cient, ev - er young.
food for spir-it as for bod-y, to be tast-ed, felt, and heard.
sound-ing out a - cross the ag - es. Will we an-swer or de - fy?

May our hearts re - ceive the mes-sage of God's faith-ful, lov - ing care;
It is thus the Word en-coun-ters at God's own ap-point-ed hour,
As the call be-comes still clear-er, wit-ness that the Word shall last,

may our lives re-pond in ac-tion, liv-ing deed and liv - ing prayer.
bring-ing knowl-edge and per-cep-tion of true jus-tice, peace, and power.
may we fol - low with com-mit-ment in the pres-ent as the past.

***Benediction**

***God's Light Goes Forth**

***Music for Going Forth**

Announcements

TODAY: Speaker Series April 24

Select Sundays | 11:15am | Heritage Room & Zoom

Parkway's Ellie Svenson recently came across notes she made to herself as she recorded her impressions of some turbulent times in America from 1967 to 1974. Remember the walk on the moon, more troops in Vietnam, then the pullout, the secret war in Cambodia, the Supreme Court's approval of school busing, Kent State, passage of the Civil Rights Act, Nixon goes to China, Watergate, Nixon resigns, on and on.

We use Ellie's memories as a springboard to remind our audience of their own recollections, and encourage the sharing of memories of those. Where were you on July 20, 1969, when Neil Armstrong put his foot on the lunar surface and declared, "That's one small step for man, one giant leap for mankind?" Join us this Sunday for a live conversation in the Heritage Room.

Zoom if you aren't able to be with us in person—

Zoom: us02web.zoom.us/j/84691476997?pwd=aEM2ZURyWURLNmkwZ0ZlV0VHVlYlQ0OT09

Meeting ID: 8469147 6997 | **Passcode:** 181565 | **Dial** (312) 626-6799

TED—Tuesday Evening Dialogue April 26

2nd & 4th Tuesdays | 6:00pm Potluck | 7:00pm Book discussion | Heritage Room

Please join us on dinner and fellowship as we continue to discuss the book *Homegoing* by Yaa Gyasi. This will be our final session with this book. We will be covering section starting with Willie on page 199 to the end of the book.

Hope you will join us for a fun evening of food and lively discussion!

Contact Helen Race: raceh@att.net

: <https://parkwayucc.org/about/intertwine-interfaith/>

Go AWOL with us—Adventurous Women Out Late

Help us build community and enjoy one another's company!

Questions? Carmen Bumgarner (cbum@charter.net; 314-330-0813)

Sat, May 21 | 1:00pm | Chinese Cultural Days | Missouri Botanical Garden

Meet us there at the Garden at 1pm or carpool from church at 12:30pm

Admission: \$16 Non-member adults

<https://www.missouribotanicalgarden.org/things-to-do/events/event-details/sreventid/1565.aspx>

(Please RSVP by April 24)

UCC HABITAT NEWS

UCC Workdays to begin again in May, June and July.

Covid has been hard on Habitat STL. Wanting to keep workers and staff safe, volunteer participation has been limited.

But beginning in late Spring or early Summer, we are expecting to have Saturday workdays with 10-12 participants once a month.

HabitatSTL Staff changes

Family circumstance has caused several long term employees of Habitat to join their families in other communities this year. Habitat is in process of replacing those workers, familiar faces to some of us. We wish them well in their new communities and jobs.



The picture above shows the entry ramp at the rear of both houses

Samuel's Habitat Auction Raised over \$8400 for our UCC Habitat Build!

After Covid forced Samuel to cancel it's annual St. Pat's Lunch and Dinner because of Covid, members of Samuel and UCC supporters donated items and bid against each other to raise a little cash to help build one more affordable home for a St. Louis family.

Thank you to those who gave services and items and those who pushed their friends and neighbors to raise the bid.

A Habitat Supporter from North Carolina was among those bidders and bought a Cardinal basket!



More about the houses on Park

Work is slowly moving along on the two houses that our UCC Churches have worked on. Families are in place. Insulation will be installed this week and drywall shortly thereafter.

The houses will blend in beautifully with the other houses on the block. Both are accessible on the main floor (bedroom, bath, laundry, kitchen and living room. One will have three additional bedrooms and the other will have four.

The picture on the right looks through the living room to the kitchen just before insulation begins.

PLEASE Keep Habitat Worker Lawrence and his family in Prayer

Lawrence and his wife have an 11 month old daughter who is in cancer treatment and is doing well.

UCC Churches gave **\$75,676** to the UCC Build in 2021!

Send 2022 Gifts to:

Tim Weaver

At

Samuel UCC

320 N. Forsyth Blvd

Clayton, MO 63105

Make checks Payable to UCC Habitat Build





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VIRTUAL PROGRAM

WE CAN'T WAIT



**21 DAY RACIAL EQUITY AND
SOCIAL JUSTICE CHALLENGE**

Expand your understanding of equity and social justice during this 21-day challenge starting in May presented by YWCA Metro St. Louis. This challenge asks participants to make daily time and space for 21 days to foster understanding and identify ways to dismantle racism and end discrimination.

This program is recommended for adults. Registration is required. Registrants will receive a daily list of tasks and an opportunity to participate in a facilitated discussion of the week's activities on Fridays at 12:00 p.m.

Program sites are accessible. With at least two weeks' notice, accommodations will be made for persons with disabilities. Call 314-994-3300 or visit www.slcl.org.

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IIWC Welcomes Family from Afghanistan



The Intertwine Interfaith Welcome Circle has been helping the Afghan family to acclimate to living in the US. Read more about this family of six and how you can continue to support them.

Prayer List

as of Wednesday, April 20, 2022

Celebrations

We are Easter people!

All the acts of kindness, justice and equity near and far.

Pat & Janet Prendergast - his recent scan indicates he is cancer-free.

Concerns

Family/friends of Conrad Damsgaard – grieving/giving thanks...

Visitation 2pm; Memorial Svc 3pm and a meal - Sunday, April 24 - PUCC

<https://missouri.funeral.com/2022/04/18/conrad-damsgaard-jr-st-louis-cremation/>

Lori Connors - healing for broken right arm.

Jackie - special needs adult battling Parkinson's, cancer, and dementia (sister/sister-in-law of Nick & Sue McMillon).

Joan Biest - in the midst of chemotherapy treatments.

Sharon Eissler - struggling with several health concerns (Rogers).

Lynda Ruby - living with cancer (Lindner).

All impacted by Covid-19 - individuals, families, healthcare workers; If anyone needs help getting vax/booster or if anyone vaccinated would like to be on the Care Team, please reach out to kevin@parkwayucc.org

The war in Ukraine.

Recent violence across the US.

Continuing

Kathleen Tarr - healing after recent foot surgery.

Ellie Svenson - healing in STL after a mild stroke and ankle surgery.

Sally Boughman - last lumbar epidural steroid injection on 4/25.

Dan & Kim, Ben/Henry/Davis Weas - Dan's cancer treatments.

Janet Schoedinger - chemotherapy for 3rd cancer battle (Litzinger).

Val - strength and patience (Jim Winkelmann's 101 year-old mother).

Christopher, Gail & Bill Haack - chronic health challenges... Bill has begun the lengthy prep process for extensive back surgery.

Cherie & Mike Stolze - her health; her father's kidney disease.

Lori Connors - for strength, stamina through health challenges.

Ruth Peace & Pinky Wilcoxon - PUCC sisters with health challenges.

Bill Darland - ongoing health issues.

Lizzie - awaiting liver transplant (niece of Barb Kuhlmann).

Anthony - multiple challenges as he lives his post-incarceration life.

Gary - risky behaviors; seeking balance and stability.

Intertwine Interfaith Welcome Circle - Afghan family in St Louis.

Home/Care Facility/Rehab Center

Millicent Guerri - living with cancer... 14300 Conway Meadows Ct E, Chesterfield, MO 63017 [birthdate: December 5]

Marv Herpel - *Brookdale West County*; 785 Henry Ave, #217; Ballwin, MO 63021; 636-227-5838 [birthdate: March 3]

Sue Houser - *Bethany Ctr for Rehab & Healing*; 421 Ocala Dr - #209B; Nashville, TN 37211; 615-577-2049. [birthdate: July 8]

Pat Klein - *Anthology Senior Living of Wildwood*; 251 Plaza Dr, #325; Wildwood, MO 63040 [birthdate: September 21]

Bill Klein - *Anthology Senior Living of Wildwood*; 251 Plaza Dr, #104; Wildwood, MO 63040 [birthdate: March 8]

John Nourse *The Village at Cape Albeon*; 3300 Lake Bend Dr, #103; Valley Park, MO 63088 [birthdate: October 26]

Ruth Peace - 10379-D Forest Brooke Ln; StL MO 63146; 314-983-0253; meadletter222@gmail.com [birthdate: August 8]

Pearl Sellenriek - *Friendship Village Memory Care Division* #1001; 15250 Olive Blvd, Chesterfield, MO 63017 [birthdate: March 31]

Gladys Sims - *Friendship Village - 15200 Village View Dr, #2418*; Chesterfield, MO 63017; 636-898-8873 [birthdate: July 4]

Pinky Wilcoxon - 10379-D Forest Brooke Ln; StL MO 63146; 314-983-0253; meadletter222@gmail.com [birthdate: April 7]

Dick Witte - Meramec Bluffs Assisted Living; 40 Meramec Trails Dr; Apt #104; Ballwin, MO 63021; 636-368-7324 [birthdate: March 25]

Other

Lucia McKenzie and John Bieg - engaged to be married.

The Shelton Family - as Killian prepares to welcome a baby sister.

Pres Biden, VP Harris, Congress, all local, national, world leaders.

The “me too” Movement - shining a light on sexual abuse.

All people who live with mental illness.

Caregivers of all shapes and sizes.

PUCC Family struggling with employment; healthcare costs and limits.

Our Missouri Mid-South Conference and St Louis Assn UCC

Gun violence and other violence across the US and other lands.

Conversations about the Death Penalty in the United States.

Victims of Natural and Created Disasters around the world.

Healing of relationships between the public and the police.

US Military around the globe.

Peace and Justice near and far.

St Louis Association UCC Covenant Partner

Week ending April 17 - **First Congregational UCC**, Memphis; firstcongo.com

Week ending April 24 - **Grace UCC**, St Louis; graceuccstl.org

2nd Sunday of Easter

April 24, 2022

Acts 5:27-32 | *Resurrection Witness*

Pacific Islander and Asian American Ministries Sunday / Break
the Silence Sunday Armenian Martyrs' Day

Soothing Spirit,
Whose gentle winds hovered over the Euphrates,
Surround our souls with support in these days of remembrance.
Strengthen our resolve to never let anyone forget
The atrocities of April 24 and beyond – The genocide of the Armenian People
They wanted to kill all of the aunts and uncles and grandparents
And place the very last one in a museum to show their sordid victory.
But they did not win. Hate was not victorious.
We remember the spirits of our ancestors, Of our sisters and brothers in
Christ, Marching through the mayhem
Of death, confusion, loss.
We remember their steps on the march to Deir-Zor.
Their empty stomachs and heavy hearts. Their lives chipped away
As they lost their mom, or baby, or brother, and endured violations of body,
mind and soul.
In gratitude, we remember those who defied their people,
The Turkish and Kurdish souls who rebelled against the powers-that-be
Saving the lives of our kin.
We are grateful for those who stand against the powers today
And refuse to call these events anything but a genocide.
Heal our hearts as the deniers' speeches become
Louder and louder.
Their words will melt into the pool of justice one day.
We give voice to the trauma that lingered in survivors' hearts
From the days they left their homes in the 'Old Country'
To the moment when they saw the face of God.
Help all who carry the stories of the past into the future
So that we will not forget, And we will not stand by,
As more of God's children are massacred. We pray for the survivors of all
genocides that burned our earth
And stole our siblings-
Armenia, the Holocaust, Rwanda, Cambodia, Bosnia, Darfur, and then some...
And then some more... Knowing that God will give them
resurrection from the ashes of yesterday, rising into the winds of tomorrow.

By Rev. Michele Torrigian, whose grandfather was a survivor of the Armenian
genocide. Reprinted with permission.

<https://michelletorrigian.com/tag/prayer-for-armenian-genocide/>